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The Way We Were, Part 3

An Ongoing History of Hawthorne Hills

This Issue—A Review of Coll Thrush's Native Seattle

by Gail Chiarello

Native Seattle: Histories from the Crossing-Over Place, by Coll Thrush. University of Washington Press, Seattle and London, 2007.

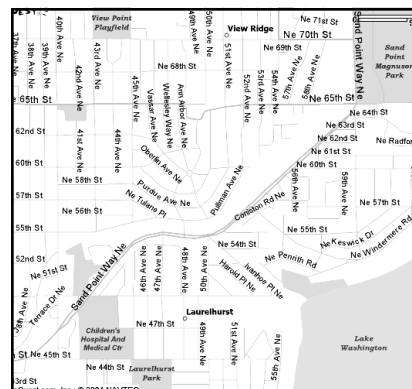
Those interested in local history may wish to check out *Native Seattle: Histories from the Crossing-Over Place* by Coll Thrush. He writes "few large American cities have so consistently used Indian imagery to define their own image" as has Seattle, but Thrush finds these images are romanticized, idealized, often misleading. Totem poles, found throughout Seattle as emblems of the city's native past, were never carved in Puget Sound. The Chief-of-All-Women pole in Pioneer Square was stolen from the Tlingit Indians of Tongass Island, Alaska, in 1899. Early urban Seattleite stories about Indians are stories about the founding fathers themselves; they are place-stories of "progress" in which Indians are an exotic "vanishing race." Thrush, a self-described bio-regional historian, wants to reframe that story. "In the end," he writes, "all history is local ... I limit my view to one city, and in doing so reorient Seattle's urban story by placing its Native histories at the center." The "crossing-over place" of the title is the Indian place name for a Duwamish settlement located where the King Street Station now stands, on a trail connecting Puget Sound with Lake Washington, and a central native encampment.

The book contains an atlas of 127 native place names, many here in northeast Seattle.. There were five longhouses at the mouth of Ravenna Creek, named "shLoowééhL," or Little Canoe Hole, where University Village now stands. A fishing weir stretched across the mouth of the creek. This community also utilized the southern part of Foster Island as a ceremonial site.

The mouth of Yesler Creek where Battelle now stands was a gambling site; here Lake Indians played the bone game. Its name, "ádeed" or "Dear Me," appears to refer to a poor gaming outcome. "Dear Me" became the site of Henry Yesler's second saw mill. The airy, sunny tip of the Laurelhurst peninsula

was named the "Drying House"; salmon were hung to dry in open frame structures. After Yesler's second mill opened at "Dear Me," the Drying House was renamed by the Indians, "Whiskey Point." Just north of the point was the Place of Whiten Clay. The clay, mixed with grease, was used as a pigment in native art, as was the red clay of Licton Springs ("Licton" from "lééQtud" meaning red paint). "TLeels," now Windermere Park, refers to "minnows" or "shiners." Magnuson Park's Promontory Point was the "Small Prairie Point." Mud Lake (at approximately the spot of the Commissary, and filled during construction of the Naval Air Station) was the home of the Sand People. Mud Lake flowed into Lake Washington at a spot called Digging in the Water, for the harvest of the wapato tuber or "duck potato" (*Sagittaria latifolia*) which grew abundantly in the lake's marshlands. The North Shore Boat Launch area provided two sites—Snowberry, and Much Inner Cedar Bark. Indians believed when snowberries were large, salmon would be plentiful. Inner cedar bark was gathered for use in native handcrafts, including the bark clothing. Much Inner Cedar Bark became Seattle, Lakeshore & Eastern Railroad's Pontiac Bay stop. There was a longhouse at Matthews Beach. A trail ran from this site to the glacial erratic at 20th & NE 72nd known as the Wedgwood Rock.

Indigenous society was not immune to class differences. The Salt Water Indians of the Crossing-Over Place looked down on the Lake Indians. The Lake Indians in turn had their own contemptuous expression, "deehLeehL cHuXW u tee7eehL tool7ál sQWax" or "You sound like a person from Issaquah." This was not a compliment. Town and gown, salt water, fresh water, no-water—thinking well of oneself through feeling superior to others appears an ubiquitous human trait. There is much more in this lovely book. Seattle history buffs will want to add Coll Thrush's work to their collection of Murray Morgan, Roger Sale, and Angelo Pellegrino. (© Gail Chiarello 2007. No part of this review article may be used or copied without permission of the author. See also editorial note on page 6.)



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An Appreciation

Everyone knows and admires the indefatigable Bonnie Miller who has led HHCC for the past five years. Bonnie's energy

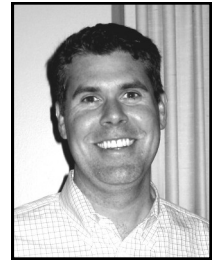
and enthusiasm are boundless, especially for her passions--a liveable, safe community; green, open spaces; parks; reintroduction of native plants to replace the ubiquitous English ivy and controversial Himalayan blackberry (those who have been making blackberry jam from berries on the Burke and Sand Point didn't *know* they were nasty invasives!). There is no issue Bonnie will not assist on. Too much fast-moving traffic on NE 55th--she'll write a letter. Halide lights shining on the Frog Pond at Magnuson--not on her watch! Commuters parked all day at kid-friendly Bryant Park--better watch out; she wants 2-hour parking limits on NE 65th and 40th NE adjacent to that playground. Last year Bonnie also took on chairing the Magnuson Environmental Stewardship Alliance and spearheaded the formation of the Yesler Creek Headwaters reclamation project. She serves as Co-Chair of the Northeast District Council and also represents HHCC at the Seattle Community Council Federation, yet still finds time for trips to Yakima to visit her granddaughter and grandson. It's no surprise the best time to reach Bonnie is 5AM--she starts early! Bonnie is a Superwoman. Fortunately she will continue to serve as Trustee and Chair of HHCC's Land Use and Parks committees.

Thank you, Bonnie!!!

Ryan Rockwell

President 2007-

An Introduction



At the March 2007 general membership meeting, I was honored to be elected your new President. Let me introduce myself and my vision

for Hawthorne Hills. I have lived here for 4 ½ years with my wife, Cindy. We have two sons Nicholas (3) and Alex (12 mos.) We love this neighborhood and have made great friendships. I am noticing more and more families with children moving in, and seeing more and more balloons welcoming newborns.

Building on the successful Neighbors Night Out block parties held each August, I propose a new tradition--a 4th of July celebration and parade for all Hawthorne Hills neighbors, friends, and kids! Dress up your bikes, wagons, dogs, and old cars and join the parade on Vassar Avenue to the Circle where we'll settle in for a picnic and free ice cream bars for the kids. Parade will start 11AM sharp with a red fire engine from FS No. 38 and Boy Scout Troop 186 leading off. To volunteer, please e-mail us at Hawthornehills4th@yahoo.com

Looking forward to a wonderful warm summer!

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN Associate Editor: HHCC seeks an associate editor to assist with newsletter production for the next 2 years. (The current editor, Gail Chiarello, will be out of the country during the last part of 2007 and early 2008.) Ad Manager: HHCC seeks a high-spirited, extroverted volunteer to follow up with our advertisers! The newsletter is currently published twice a year. If interested in either position, call 206-523-0715 or e-mail GailChiarello@comcast.net.

HAROLD KUSULOS SPEAKS OUT

Dear Neighbors,

Have you noticed the increases in your property taxes the past few years? In the past, King County would assess your home **every three years** to set an estimated value on your home and property for tax purposes. This assessment is normally based on the recent sales in the general area. Using this information and any additions or changes to your property, the assessor would establish a value for your land, which has been usually 20% of the home value. For example, if your house had an estimated value of \$100,000, your land would be valued at \$20,000 and the house at \$80,000, for a total assessment of \$100,000.

It is not that way any more. At the present time, King County assesses your property every year. Further, you will notice the primary emphasis is on the land value. Each and every year, your land value is increased at a higher percentage than your home. In most cases they usually decrease your home value. However, your total assessed value results in an increase which is usually higher than the yearly inflation. For 2007, the increase in your taxes will amount to 5%. Inflation is slightly over 2%.



In some cases, your land becomes more valuable than your house. As one person lamented, he would not be able to rebuild his home at the stated value set by the assessor. I am sure the insurance company would not pay more than the value established by a government agency.

Dear Neighbor, what is the future for us? As this program continues, land values will continue to rise, especially in neighborhoods such as ours. Later, the government could determine that the highest and best use is not home, but multiple dwellings (condos/apartments/etc.). Then, by Eminent Domain, your property is purchased at a price the assessor establishes. In other words, you will be out. As this trend continues, soon your property tax payments will become a real burden. Many of our neighbors have had to move because they could not afford to pay \$500-\$800/month to live in their homes. This is especially true for those on a fixed income.

Hopefully, this will be a good topic for discussion for a community meeting in the near future.
—Harold Kusulos

Harold Kusulos is a member of HHCC's Land Use Committee. This letter however represents his own views.



Above: UW-REN students clean up the Yesler Creek headwaters near NE 55th Street and 40th Ave. NE.

HHCC LAND USE COMMITTEE:

Changes in building codes and zoning rules are a constant. The Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) is the guiding legislation in the city; the HHCC Land Use Committee relies upon the Code to protect our life style and the quality of our building industry. The SMC applies to the entire city. HHCC, with representation at the North East District Council and the City Neighborhood Councils, is aware of and involved in changes to the Code. Most concerns that come to the Land Use Committee are those that affect our neighborhood directly--long-term parking on the street, dividing one lot into two or more, vegetation encroaching on the sidewalks, outdoor storage, and boat parking. Usually a call to the Department of Planning and Development (206-684-8880), Seattle Department of Transportation (206-684-7623), King County Metro (206-553-3060), or the Seattle Parks Department (206-684-4075) finds a solution to a problem. As a neighbor in Hawthorne Hills, you may also

Yesler Creek Reforestation End-of-Year Party

Saturday June 2, 2007 11AM-2PM

<http://depts.washington.edu/uwren/current.html>

This spring University of Washington Restoration Ecology Network (UW-REN) students have begun gathering historical information, testing drainage, mapping the soils, and installing native plants in the headwaters of Yesler Creek—a highly urbanized site just south of the Metropolitan Market off the Burke-Gilman Trail. This ravine is invaded with English ivy and Himalayan blackberry. Their goal is to create a sustainable urban forest. The students hold work parties 10am-3pm every Sunday through June, to resume September 2007.

Hawthorne Hills' own **Jan Bragg** recorded the following native bird species at the Headwaters site: Cooper's Hawk; Anna's Hummingbird (nesting); Northern Flicker; American Crow (nesting); Black-

capped Chickadee; Bushtit (nests); Brown Creeper (nesting!); Winter Wren; Bewick's Wren; Golden-crowned Kinglet; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; American Robin; European Starling (flying overhead); Spotted Towhee; Fox Sparrow; Song Sparrow; Dark-eyed Junco; House Finch; House Sparrow; American Goldfinches (flying overhead); Downy woodpecker. (Jan also contributes to *The Holler's* Burdz! Burdz! Burdz!—see page 7.)

Neighbors are invited to join the June 2nd celebration at Yesler Creek Headwaters with barbeque, snacks, music, and mingling with other green-minded neighbors. Visit UW-REN's website above or call **Holly Greenspoon** at 206-909-5461 or e-mail HollyGreenspoon@msn.com.

contact the Land Use Committee with any concerns that you have. The committee consists of **Bonnie Miller (Chair)**, **Arden Forrey**, **Joan Oates**, **Andrea Gates Sanford**, and **Harold Kusulos**.

HHCC PARKS COMMITTEE: This committee focuses on parks within Hawthorne Hills and Warren G. Magnuson Park on Sand Point, working to make our parks safer for visitors, healthier for our native wildlife, and an asset for our community. We are fortunate to have Bryant Park (across from PCC View Ridge), University Circle Park, a section of the Burke Gilman Trail, the Yesler Creek Headwaters, and Magnuson Park all within walking distance. We work with the Magnuson Environmental Stewardship Alliance which leads

volunteers at Magnuson Park; and with Friends of the Burke Gilman Trail at Sand Point who work with four different groups of neighbors to restore and enhance the walking and biking experience on our trail. The committee is completing final chores relating to the Department of Neighborhood Small and Simple grant that placed two benches at University Circle Park and renovated the plantings. The committee is working with the Yesler Creek Forest Stewardship to restore that area to a healthy habitat and a wonderful place to bird watch and just take in nature. Committee members are **Bonnie Miller (Chair)**, **Joan Oates** and **Andrea Gates Sanford**. If you are interested in any of the projects in our neighborhood, please contact Bonnie at 524-8713 or e-mail bmiller@serv.net.



Rockin' the Block—the Sequel

Folks at left were identified only as “fun-loving neighbors” of the 5800-block of Vassar in the Fall 2006 *Holler*. **Maureen Shallit** has since identified (l. to r.): **Chuck Garrett**, **Barbara Johnson**, **Mary Pat Matthews**, standing above: **Richard Stephens**, **Nancy Crowley**, **Lois Miller**, **John Skinner**, **Jill Stephens**, **Teresa Malinowski**, **Pat Crowley**, **Joel Shallit**, **Maureen Shallit**, **Irv Eisenberg** & **Bob Miller**. *Neighbors Night Out 2007* is Tuesday August 7th this year. Pencil it in!



What's Happening in the Hills & the Holler

NEVER ENOUGH WOOD CHIPS The groundkeeper at Magnuson Park, Don La France, writes: "We are encouraging people to pick up free wood chips. They do not need to call or get written permission. The chips are in bins north of Bldg. 193. They can take as much material as they can shovel by hand." Bldg. 193 is the former Commissary along NE 65th Street. Use the entrance just east of the building to locate the area where the chips are piled ...

LAURELHURST PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Laurelhurst Elementary School's Community Playground Renovation is underway to renovate the rundown south playground adjacent to Laurelhurst School at NE 45th St. The new playground will be safe and accessible to all kids and families, including those in Hawthorne Hills. The Playground Steering Committee has applied for a Large Project Fund grant from the Dept. of Neighborhoods and is raising matching funds. The goal—raise \$100,000 by Oct. 31st. Call **Melissa Kane** (527-8547) or **Coco Sherman** (525-9850) or visit www.seattleschools.org/schools/laurelhurst/playground

...SPRING CLEANING??? Disposing of a couch, bed, dishwasher or other large item? Request a bulky-item collection from Seattle Public Utilities. SPU will pick the item up from your curb for a \$20 fee—\$25 for items containing gases such as refrigerators—saving you the hassle of driving to the transfer station. The North and South Recycling and Disposal stations accept bulky items for a \$20 fee. For information, call 206-684-3000. ...**FREE**

SMOKE ALARMS Seattle Fire Department can install free smoke alarms in your home if you live in Seattle in your own home, and are a senior citizen, disabled, or low income. To request smoke alarms, contact the Seattle Fire Department Public Education Office at 386-1337 ...**FREE MOVIE: "The War Tapes"** at Olympic View Church, 425 NE 95th St., Seattle, Tues., May 22nd. 7PM. Filmed by 3 US soldiers who provide a glimpse of their lives in the midst of the Iraq War; from the producers of the Academy Award winning "The Fog of War." Sponsored by the 46th District Democrats. All are welcome.

...MAGNUSON—FIELDS, LIGHTS, WET-LANDS?

Remember the brouhaha? Wonder what's happening to the sports complex? Friends of Magnuson Park reports construction of the sports fields has been delayed while the State's Department of Ecology and the Army Corps of Engineers question Parks' choice of a sensitive shoreline area to site a major sports complex and rule on water quality issues. Meanwhile Superintendent of Parks, Ken Bounds, has stepped down. Betty Jean Brooks is the Interim Superintendent and is a candidate for the permanent position. A decision is expected by the fall.

...SNAP COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

MEETING Sat., June 16, 10-11:30AM. Learn how to put together a disaster supplies kit, create a family disaster plan and organize with your neighbors when disaster strikes. Location: Meadowbrook Community Center, 10517 35th Ave NE. Sponsored by the City of Seattle.



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...IN OTHER NEWS

Irving Marr, former HHCC President, celebrated his 100th birthday on January 17, 2007. Belated Happy Birthday, Irv!

Kim Wells' novel, *Down on the Sawdust*, set in 1860-70s Seattle, should be out by year's end. Kim tells a tale of shady ladies, gamblers, pimps, and loggers whose contributions—some legal, some less so—form the foundation of early Seattle. Watch for it!

2006 CRIME STATISTICS for our CENSUS TRACT 42

	<u>Homicide</u>	<u>Rape</u>	<u>Robbery</u>	<u>Aggr. Assault</u>	<u>Res'l Burglary</u>	<u>Non-Res. Burglary</u>	<u>Theft</u>	<u>Auto Theft</u>	<u>Arson</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Jan.-Dec. 2006	0	2	1	3	31	13	128	48	1	277
City-Wide Same Period	30	127	1,667	2,322	5,417	2,087	23,911	8,138	234	43,933
% of City Total	—	1.6%	0.1%	0.1%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%
January 2007	0	0	0	0	3	0	14	5	0	23
City-Wide Same Period	1	8	141	132	476	139	1,889	764	8	3,560
% of City Total	—	—	—	—	0.6%	—	0.7%	0.7%	—	0.6%

*Census Tract 42 includes 10 additional blocks—30th Ave. NE to 40th Ave. NE.—which lie west of Hawthorne Hills and are not part of our neighborhood. City police estimate two-thirds of the crimes reported in Census Tract 42 occur in this 10-block area west of our neighborhood. Business districts and arterials attract more crime than low-impact residential streets.

Problems Persist at Magnuson Park On January 30th around 9:30PM two or three armed men jumped and beat a Seattle man walking near the shore. The 53-year-old victim told police his attackers pistol-whipped him and fired a gunshot which did not hit him. The victim's face, head, hands, and clothing were covered in blood from the attack. The robbers made off with the victim's cell phone.

Early last November a woman walking alone around 4PM on the haul road near the Frog Pond was mugged at gunpoint

by a single young male who attempted to drag her into the bushes. She screamed, and he ran away taking her wallet. She was not harmed but was badly frightened.

These problems at our beloved Magnuson Park are a reminder that, as the park becomes more popular, it will attract a range of individuals. Diane Horswill, our North Precinct Crime Prevention Coordinator, recommends walking with a friend or a dog. Unaccompanied individuals using the park should be vigilant, especially at night and in areas of poor visibility.



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CHURCH EXPANSION TROUBLES PULLMAN NEIGHBORS

Replanting of Burke-Gilman Trail To Be Done by Volunteers

The clang-bang noise of steel girders for the Center for Spiritual Living's \$8 million megachurch will ring through Hawthorne Hills every weekday for six weeks this summer, starting June 11 through July. City permits allow construction work to start at 7:30AM. The Center is building a 2½-story sanctuary to seat 1,000 people, with an auditorium, gift shop, and professional-level equipment for televising services. At the request of Pullman Avenue neighbors, the roof—originally planned to be glaring white—has been changed to a dark color. The 136-ft wall along the Burke Gilman Trail facing Hawthorne Hills is to be sheathed in dark metal. A two-lane driveway loops around the church; in the back, it abuts the Burke Gilman Trail's property line. The parking lot to the north of the center is being enlarged from 100 to 150 parking spaces. Approximately 50 more spaces are being added south of the building. Center members come from as far away as Thurston County. Almost all drive, so the traffic impact will be significant.

The Center's plans call for construction to take 12 more months. Already the cement trucks are driving through Hawthorne Hills. At first work began at 7AM. Pullman Avenue residents complained. The Dept. of Planning and Development examined the building permits and found construction cannot start before 7:30AM. Anyone hearing construction noise before 7:30AM can call DPD's David George (206-684-7483); e-mail David.George@seattle.gov.

In addition to the project's scale, Hawthorne Hills will be coping with noise, visual, and landscaping problems over the next year. Pullman Avenue residents requested mitigation efforts, such as landscaping cloth on the fence between the Trail and the Center. **Friends of Burke Gilman Trail at Sand Point**, a new group of HHCC residents, will be planting native plants and trees along the Trail as a buffer. The group includes **Betsy Schneier, Sharon McGrayne, Margaret Thouless, Bonnie Miller, Tom Kelly, and George Bertsch**. A critical issue is whether we can plant trees tall enough to screen Hawthorne Hills from at least some of the church, driveway, and parking lots.

The Center secured its building and SEPA permits seven years ago. A group of Windermere residents opposed the project, thus delaying construction and draining church funds. In February, the day after revised permits were approved, the Center clear-cut at least 30 tall trees from its back lot along the Burke-Gilman Trail facing Hawthorne Hills. In mid-April, more trees were cut along the southern portion of the Center's property, and construction now affects even more of Hawthorne Hills.

Understanding the scope of the project and monitoring it have been complicated by the fact that the city—as of the end of April—has not made copies of the Center's plans

available to the community. Children's Hospital has volunteered to convene meetings between CSL, its contractor, and other parties including **Ryan Rockwell**, HHCC's new President. **Karen Ko** from the Dept. of Neighborhoods is working on a similar proposal. At CSL's request, these have been delayed until mid-May. If anyone has questions that they'd like asked at this meeting, please forward them to **Betsy Schneier** at davidarosy1@mac.com.

Friends of the Burke Gilman Trail plan to ask HHCC for support for a grant to plant trees along the Trail, for volunteers to help plant them, and, if necessary, help getting professional oversight of the project.

The Center for Spiritual Living's project is far greater than any of us envisioned when public hearings were held seven years ago. Its impact on our neighborhood is going to be tremendous. But with the help of the entire community, this impact may be minimized. Special thanks go to Children's, which leases space from the church, to the NE 70th St. group, which has provided advice and input, and to **Ryan Rockwell** for his support

and involvement at this early stage in his presidency!

—Sharon McGrayne



In clearing to accommodate 150 cars, dozens of mature hardwoods and conifers were removed.

Volunteers who are willing to help **Friends of Burke Gilman Trail at Sand Point** this summer with clearing and restoring the Burke Gilman Trail at the foot of Hawthorne Hills, should call Sharon McGrayne at 206-522-2262.

(Cont. from p. 1) Stanford Ave.'s Gerry Warren brought Coll Thrush's work to the attention of the editor. Coll adds: "I know Gerry through Slow Food Seattle. One of my new projects is indigenous and newcomer food cultures on the Northwest Coast and the history of the potato among native peoples before 1850. Gerry has been involved with the Makah to revive their indigenous cultivar, the Ozette potato. Fascinating story, but when I tell people I'm researching the potato, their eyes glaze over—if they don't, then I know I've found a new friend!"



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Continuing Conversations with Bird Women Jan Bragg, Sandra Aker and Sara O'Brien

April 26th **Gail Chiarello** wrote: This winter I bought a thistle feeder to attract new birds to my yard, expand on the house finches, chickadees, the little bushtits and occasional flicker. Then I learned thistle seed was goldfinch food, and the goldfinches would not come until spring, so I put the thistle feeder away. I just put it back out. For the past 3 weeks it's been hanging near a brush pile and a bird bath. But not a single goldfinch--or any other bird--has been there. Thoughts?

Jan Bragg: There are more American Goldfinches in Seattle in the summer, but a few stick around all winter. We may have two populations, one that winters here and goes north to breed, another which spends the winter farther south and comes back here to breed. There are goldfinches at Magnuson some winters, so getting them at a feeder in this neighborhood is a definite possibility. We used to have them every year at our feeders, but when I first put out thistle seed, it took months for goldfinches to show up. So be patient! They are beautiful birds. It is always a thrill to see one up close. As of April 29th, migrating warblers are coming through Magnuson and could show up in your yard. I'm seeing and hearing Orange-crowned Warblers, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Common Yellowthroats. Wilson's Warblers, Black-throated Gray Warblers, Yellow Warblers and Warbling Vireos should be on their way, followed by flycatchers and Bullock's Orioles in May. All of these birds winter in South or Central

America and return to the Pacific NW to breed. Their numbers are few; they are dependent on good habitat (TREES) along their route, and for summer and winter homes. As we know, trees are being eliminated everywhere. If you want to attract warblers to your yard, plant trees and provide water.



*Left:
Painting of
male
American
Goldfinch
by John
W. Taylor*

May 1st Gail to **Sara O'Brien** and **Sandra Aker:** **Kay Swartland** tells me she and Troy have seen a pair of eagles in the neighborhood and wonder if they're nesting in the "twin trees"--the entwined cedar and hemlock--separating our houses. Alan hasn't seen any eagles this spring, although he has "eagle eyes"--and he's outdoors a lot. So ... what have you been seeing?

Sara O'Brien replies: A bald eagle hangs out daily on the dead tree to the southeast side of the Montlake shoreline in the Montlake Fill. Here at home, a brown creeper forages on trees outside my dining room window; I also have busy, leaf-throwing towhees and

Stellar's Jays in the backyard. There's lots going on at Montlake Fill and at Magnuson Park. **Heather Sneddon** and I twice saw an otter at the Magnuson Off-Leash Area recently at 6AM. The otter was in the water just off the dog beach, swimming east to west. There are also nutria at the Montlake Fill canal--invasive big ol' rodents often mistaken for muskrats! During migration, we saw a Ross's Goose among the snow geese & White-fronted geese, and 3 pairs of wood ducks in the slough behind the UW ball fields. A week ago, a Yellow-legs (shore bird) was foraging in the shallow Shoveler's Pond, and mixed in with coots, shovelers, green-winged teals, mallards, and gadwalls was the cutest tiniest pair of cinnamon teals! On larger Lake Washington--Canada geese, mergansers, pied-billed grebes, and buffleheads. For songbirds, large flocks of Yellow-rumped Warblers (delightfully nicknamed "butter-butts") have arrived. Montlake Fill is definitely at peak....so enjoy the Fill & Magnuson!

May 8th **Sandra Aker** wrote: Don is seeing the peregrine falcon flying around NE 58th St. Two weeks ago it was sitting in our walnut tree about 15 feet from Don, and I saw crows chasing it in the area between NE 55th & 58th Sts. and 43rd & 40th Aves. We cannot determine where he is roosting.

Jan Bragg leads Neighborhood Bird Walks at Magnuson Park for Seattle Audubon Society. Sara O'Brien is completing a PhD at the University of Washington on the white-crowned sparrow. Sandra Aker is an HHCC Trustee.

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Hawthorne Hills 4th of July Celebration

1st Annual Hawthorne Hills

4th of July Parade & Celebration

Wednesday July 4, 2007 at 11:00AM Sharp!

All are welcome!!!

The Parade:

The parade route runs from NE 65th St. and Vassar to University Circle

with Boy Scout Troop #186 and Station # 38 Red Fire Truck

Grown-ups: Show off your classic old car!

Kids: Decorate your bike, big wheel, wagon, stroller or anything that moves!

A chance for friends and neighbors of the Hawthorne Hills community to gather and celebrate! After the parade, neighbors will gather for a picnic at the Circle. Bring blankets, sandwiches, snacks. HHCC will provide ice cream bars for the kids.

NOTE: Neighbors living on Vassar between 65th and University Circle are asked to park their cars in their driveways or on a side street to accommodate the Parade the morning of July 4th. If you are planning on driving a car in the parade or participating in some other way, we would love to get a head count. Please give us advance notice.

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